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Sir:

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## CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT

Number of Claims After Amendment	Previously paid	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2005, the period of response for which runs through December 7, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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